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Slither to Ellanor C. Lawrence to Study Water Snakes

If you find yourself fascinated by any reptiles that cross your path, then head over to Ellanor C. Lawrence Park on Tuesday, July 24, 2007. From 9 to 11 a.m. a naturalist is seeking assistance with a reptile survey of northern water snakes in the park!

With the naturalist's guidance, participants will head onto the trails searching for and capturing then releasing northern water snakes. Northern water snakes are typical residents of the quiet waters of the northeastern region of the United States. While carefully capturing the snakes, participants will learn about their preferred habitats both in water and on dry land. All specimens will be released! This is a wonderful opportunity to discover the habits of the misunderstood reptile.

Wear shoes that can get wet and prepare for an adventure! The program is suitable for children eight and older. Reservations and prepayment of \$5 per person are required by July 22.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park is located at 5040 Walney Road in Chantilly. For more information, please call 703-631-0013 or visit http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ecl.

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